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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1598

**Introduced by Committee on Agriculture (Matthews (Chair),  
Maze (Vice Chair), Berg, Cogdill, Parra, Salinas, and Vargas)**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section ~~63901~~ 14992 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture *omnibus*.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1598, as amended, Committee on Agriculture. ~~Agricultural and seafood industries.~~ *Agriculture omnibus changes.*

*Existing law requires that every lot, parcel, or package of commercial feed distributed within this state have affixed to it, or be accompanied by, a label that contains certain specified information, including the net weight of the contents of the lot or parcel, as specified.*

*This bill would provide that a lot, parcel, or package of commercial feed may have affixed to it, or be accompanied by a label that includes the net weight or volume of its contents.*

~~Existing law declares that the agricultural and seafood industries are vitally important elements of the state's economy that are supported by commissions and councils, as specified, that are intended to, among other things, reflect a continuing commitment by the State of California to its agricultural and seafood industries which encourage responsible stewardship of valuable land and marine resources and produce substantial quantities of necessary food and fiber for the state, nation, and world.~~

~~This bill would list water resources among those resources, the responsible stewardship of which, is encouraged by the agricultural~~

~~and seafood industries. This bill would make other technical, nonsubstantive changes.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 14992 of the Food and Agricultural  
2     Code is amended to read:

3     14992. The label shall contain a legible and plainly printed  
4     statement which certifies all of the following:

5     (a) The net weight *or volume* of the contents of the lot or  
6     parcel unless accompanied by a certified certificate of weights  
7     and measures.

8     (b) The product name, brand name, or trademark.

9     (c) The name and principal address of the manufacturer or  
10    person that is responsible for placing the commodity on the  
11    market.

12    (d) The guaranteed analysis stated in such terms as the director  
13    specifies by regulation.

14    (e) The recognized official name, as specified by the director,  
15    of each ingredient. The director may by regulation permit the use  
16    of a collective term for a group of ingredients which performs a  
17    similar function. The director may exempt a commercial feed, or  
18    any combination of commercial feeds from labeling requirements  
19    if he finds the listing is not necessary to comply with the intent of  
20    this chapter.

21    (f) Adequate directions, warnings and caution statements that  
22    may be necessary for the safe use of any feed.

23    ~~SECTION 1. Section 63901 of the Food and Agricultural~~  
24    ~~Code is amended to read:~~

25    ~~63901. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the~~  
26    ~~agricultural and seafood industries are vitally important elements~~  
27    ~~of the state's economy and are supported by state established~~  
28    ~~commissions and councils specified in this division that are~~  
29    ~~mandated to enhance and preserve the economic interests of the~~  
30    ~~State of California and are intended to do all of the following:~~

31    ~~(a) Implement public policy through their expressive conduct.~~  
32    ~~The programs conducted by these commissions and councils are~~  
33    ~~among the broad range of state-mandated regulatory programs~~

1 that are funded by the public through user fees assessed in  
2 accordance with each person's relationship to a particular  
3 program.

4 (b) Reflect a continuing commitment by the State of California  
5 to its agricultural and seafood industries that are integral to its  
6 economy. These industries are a source of substantial  
7 employment for the state's citizens, produce needed tax revenues  
8 for the support of state and local government, encourage  
9 responsible stewardship of valuable land, water, and marine  
10 resources, and produce substantial quantities of necessary food,  
11 fiber, and other agricultural products for the state, nation, and  
12 world.

13 (c) Represent a policy of support for persons engaged in the  
14 agricultural and seafood industries, which are critically important  
15 elements of the state's economy. These commissions and  
16 councils are particularly important for the continued success of  
17 California's unique agricultural and seafood industries which  
18 tend to be decentralized with many small entities operating in  
19 diverse locations.

20 (d) Provide benefit to the entire industry and all of the people  
21 of this state. The commissions and councils are not enacted, and  
22 are not intended to produce measurable benefit, on an individual  
23 basis, and their successes should be evaluated by analyzing the  
24 extent to which they have improved the overall conditions for the  
25 particular commodity subject to the commission's or council's  
26 jurisdiction with resulting benefit to the overall economy of the  
27 state.

28 (e) Enhance the image of California agricultural and seafood  
29 products to increase the overall demand for these commodities.  
30 In this fashion, the Legislature intends that the commissions and  
31 councils operate primarily for the purpose of creating a more  
32 receptive environment for the commodity and for the individual  
33 efforts of those persons in the industry, and thereby compliment  
34 individual, targeted, and specific activities.